

# NEWS OF INTEREST FROM COUNCIL BLUFFS

## INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT

Total Valuation Slightly in Excess of the Previous Year.

### LANDS IN THE CITY SHOW A DECREASE

Lots and Personal Property More Than Make Good the Loss, in Spite of Rumors to the Contrary.

The alarming rumors to the effect that the assessment of the city this year would fall far below that of 1904 have proven to be without foundation. The assessment, as made by City Assessor Hardin, who turned over his books yesterday to County Auditor Cheyne, shows a slight increase over that of last year instead of a decrease.

The total assessment for 1905 is \$14,067,344, or a taxable valuation of \$14,067,344. This does not include the assessment of the railroads, express, telephone and telegraph companies, which is made by the state executive council and has not yet been received by the county auditor. The total assessment for 1904 was \$14,067,344, or a taxable valuation of \$14,067,344. This does not include the assessment of the railroads, express, telephone and telegraph companies, which is made by the state executive council and has not yet been received by the county auditor.

The assessment this year is made up as follows:

Lands	765,924
Lots	19,420,772
Personal property	3,019,568
Total	\$14,067,344

In 1904 the assessment was:

Lands	\$1,223,000
Lots	\$14,067,344
Personal property	\$2,881,144
Total	\$14,067,344

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## OLD TEACHERS TO BE RE-ELECTED

### No Changes Contemplated in the Present Force.

Unless some changes may be decided upon in the meantime the Board of Education next Monday night will re-elect all of the present teachers with the exception of Mrs. Emma D. Ingle, superintendent of schools, and drawing, who has secured a position in California. The committee on teachers will recommend the appointment of Miss Kate Wickham to succeed Mrs. Ingle. This was practically agreed upon at an informal conference held Thursday night by the members of the board in Superintendent Clifford's office in the high school building.

At the meeting Monday night, it is expected that the janitors for the different buildings will be elected for the ensuing year, although Chairman Stuart of the committee on janitors has not yet submitted his report. The finance committee is also expected to make its report as to teachers' and janitors' salaries Monday night. The assignment of teachers to the different schools will be made later by Superintendent Clifford. In view of the fact that there will probably not be any changes in the list of teachers, the assignments, it is expected, will be practically the same as this year.

## High School Happenings.

The Delta Tau Literary society of the high school concluded the meetings for this school year yesterday afternoon with an open session followed by a lunch served by the symposium. The feature of the meeting was the debate on the question, "Resolved, That department stores should be abolished." Ruth Felt and Helen Flickinger, who spoke on the affirmative, were awarded the decision. Hazel Pavia and Gertrude Hooker read an interesting paper on the discovery of the diamond and Bertha Wheeler contributed a piano solo and Hazel Cook gave a reading.

At the luncheon, which was quite an elaborate affair, were held for the society. Each member's place was designated by a pretty hand-painted plate card with the emblem of the society on it and the tables were tastefully decorated with vases, flowers and snowballs. Short addresses were made by Superintendent Clifford, Principal Ensign, Miss Rice, Miss Flora Cooper, the retiring president of the society, and Miss Margaret Flickinger, the newly elected president for next year. Toasts were responded to as follows: Miss Agnes Phelan, "The Aim of the Society"; Miss Edith Stuart, "The Work of the Society"; Miss Edith Organ, "The Leading Side"; Miss Hazel Brown, "The Departing Seniors"; Miss Beanie Clay, "For the Seniors."

The annual election of officers of the High School Athletic association was held yesterday afternoon and resulted as follows: President, Mark Dobson; vice president, Clyde Clemmer; secretary, Bess Crane; business manager, C. Benjamin; track captain, F. Henninger; sergeant-at-arms, C. Mills.

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANK

at Council Bluffs, in the state of Iowa, at the close of business May 23, 1905.

### RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$359,200.85
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,864.61
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	10,000.00
U. S. bonds on hand	None
U. S. bonds on deposit	299.45
Bonds, securities, etc.	None
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	5,939.56
Other real estate owned	2,647.16
Due from national banks (not reserve agents)	9,834.00
Due from state banks and bankers	2,791.50
Due from approved reserve agents	113,922.24
Internal revenue stamps	None
Checks and other cash items	2,960.45
Due from clearing houses	None
Notes of other national banks	3,583.00
Practical paper currency, notes and coins	103.36
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$15,035.00
Legal tender notes	2,181.80
Redemption fund	2,500.00
Other than 5 per cent redemption fund	None
Total	\$579,767.78

### LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	10,000.00
Undivided profits	3,678.75
Reserves and taxes paid	10,000.00
State bank notes outstanding	10,000.00
Due to other national banks	13,857.31
Due to state banks and bankers	9,074.84
Due to clearing houses	23,192.59
Due to approved reserve agents	None
Dividends unpaid	None
Checks outstanding	162,829.00
Demands certificates of deposit	16,942.32
Time certificates of deposit	13,947.75
Certified checks	8.43
U. S. Treasury checks outstanding	None
Deposits of U. S. disbursing officers	None
Notes and bills rediscounted	None
Bills payable, including certificates of deposit for money borrowed	None
Liabilities other than those above stated	None
Total	\$579,767.78

State of Iowa county of Pottawattamie ss: I, C. E. Price, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. E. PRICE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of June, 1905.

C. KONIGMACHER, Notary Public.

Correct-Attest: JOSEPH REED, J. C. LOUGHER, J. HAMMER, Directors.

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## CHILD MARRIAGE TO STAND

### Court Rules Wedding Ceremony Makes Them of Legal Age.

#### HAS A LICENSE TO WED, BUT NO BRIDE

Matt Hunter, Sent to Penitentiary for Murder Concludes to Work After Refusing for Two Years.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DEB. MOINE, June 2.—(Special.)—The case of Mr. and Mrs. Lundbach, the two children whose marriage the father of the boy sought to annul, came before Judge Brennan in the district court today, being changed from Judge McVey's court, and the children were married by the judge in court that the boy was but 16 and the girl 14 and the court held that the marriage made them of age legally and that an annulment could be procured only on the desire of the boy and he refused. The two children, made grown folks by being married, were from the court room radiant and happy, while the parents declared they will appeal the case. In the trial it was brought out that the boy's father had sought under threat of going to the reform school to force him to sign a petition to annul the marriage, but he stoutly refused to do so.

#### Back to Council Bluffs.

Miss Annie Davis of Council Bluffs appeared at the police station this morning and pleaded guilty to intoxicating liquor, and was sent back to Council Bluffs. She said she had become reckless because she had been three weeks in Des Moines for John Wynette to appear and marry her as he had promised to do and said that he represented himself as a traveling salesman.

#### Check Not Assigned.

In a reply filed with the clerk of the supreme court today the plaintiff in the case of Kate E. Kuhnes against T. I. Cahill of Rockwell City claims that a check is not an assignment of the debt represented by it. This is the entire contention in the suit and the plaintiff holds that if it were an assignment a banker could never pay a check without knowing how many checks there were out and which was signed first.

#### Notified of Medal.

Miss Lavina Steele of the state library was today notified of the awarding of the Carnegie medal for bravery in saving the life of George Hill of Burlington while skating on the river at Iowa City last winter.

#### Tabulating Census.

Prof. Patterson of the State university arrived in the city to begin the work of tabulating the census and arranging the tables in the form in which they will be printed in the census report. Prof. Patterson will make the selection of the matter and will remain here for the rest of the time supervising the census work.

#### License Without Bride.

Mrs. Viola Gilder of an affidavit was consulted on her marriage to Charles K. Fillmore of this city on the strength of an item telling of the issuing of the marriage license. She denies she is married and Fillmore has not been located to tell why he got the license. Mrs. Gilder has a passing acquaintance with Fillmore, but that he has not yet been located to tell why he got the license.

#### Hunter Goes to Work.

Matt Hunter, confined in the Anamosa penitentiary for a long term of years, has gone to work. For over two years Hunter has been confined in the penitentiary and the warden, on the authority of the attorney general, has held that Hunter's term would not begin to run till he obeyed the prison rules and went to work. Then there were reports that the solitary confinement was not working on Hunter's mind and it was feared he would go insane. The pleadings of his relatives at Mount Airy were in vain till a week ago, fearing that his health and mind would give way, he voluntarily went to work in the tailor department and now says that he likes it.

#### Nebraska Woman's Appeal.

Mrs. J. W. Nowlin of Berlin, Neb., has written a letter to Mayor George Matern of this city appealing to him to aid her in locating her husband before she dies. She claims he worked in Des Moines for Mrs. Sarah Diney, who died last year. In a frenzied appeal she seeks to locate him before death calls her, as she wishes to give him a sum of money she has saved.

#### Increases Capital.

In amendments to its articles of incorporation the Mason City & Fort Dodge yesterday increased its capital stock from \$20,000 to \$24,000 and the fee to the state of \$14.00 was the largest that has been paid this year. It is understood that the purpose is to acquire the Mason City & Clear Lake line and extend it to Waterloo and Cedar Falls.

#### Firemen to Council Bluffs.

The firemen of the city entered in the firemen's tournament left this evening at 4 o'clock for Council Bluffs. The teams are Jack and Jack, last year's champions, and Black and Tan from the central station.

#### Butler Gets Contract.

The contract for furnishing paper to the state of Iowa for the next two years was awarded yesterday to the J. W. Butler Paper company of Chicago and will amount to about \$7,000. There were five bidders, including the Carpenter Paper company of Omaha.

#### Murder Case Appealed.

The trial in the murder case against Francis E. Seery was filed with the clerk of the supreme court today. Seery is charged with having murdered Michael Moynihan in Cedar Rapids August 24, 1904. He was convicted of murder in the second degree and sentenced to eighteen years in the penitentiary at Anamosa.